Delay Still Possible

Clay Shaw Trial Set February 13

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Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. said today he intends to bring the case of Clay L. Shaw to trial Feb. 13.

Shaw, 54, is charged with criminal conspiracy in the slaying of President John F. Kennedy. He was the first man charged by District Attorney Jim Garrison in his probe of the slaying.

SHAW WAS arrested nearly a year ago, but a series of delays have kept him from going to trial.

Garrison contends that Shaw conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald, David William Ferrie and others to plot the President's death.

Judge Haggerty said the only legal way he knows of to delay the trial past the February date is for the defense to request a change of venue.

The judge said he has no indication defense attorneys plan such a move, though

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they have the right to do so any time before Feb. 13.

EVEN IF such a request is made, the judge said, it would not delay the trial if it were denied.

Judge Haggerty had previously said he would begin the trial on his first jury day in February. This means the first day the jury actually works after being empaneled on the first Monday in February.

Today was the first time a specific date was announced.

Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, has consistently denied any connection with the assassination.